- (1) The Commissioner of Revenue is of the opinion that Act 143 of the 1961 Legislature, now Section 32-6-51 Code of Alabama 1975, has certain conflicts in regard to the placement of license plates on trucks or truck tractors.
- (2) (1) In order to comply with the legislative intent of Act 143 which requires the license plates to be conspicuous and "plainly visible", the Department of Revenue mandates that the placement of license plates issued for truck tractors as defined in Section 40-12-240, as amended, be displayed on the front of the truck tractors (excluding motor homes). Section 32-6-51, Code of Alabama 1975, requires that license plates be attached on the rear of a motor vehicle. Due to the configuration and use of certain vehicles, placement of license plates in this manner is not practical. Therefore, license plates shall be displayed on the front of the following types of motor vehicles:
  - (a) Truck tractors as defined in Section 40-12-240
  - (b) <u>Certain trucks as defined in Section 40-12-240 with the exception of self-propelled campers or house cars commonly referred to as motor homes.</u>
    <u>License plates may be displayed on the front of trucks when:</u>
- (3) Owners or operators of trucks as defined in Section 40-12-240, as amended, may display the license plate in the front of the vehicle when:
  - (a)  $\underline{1}$ . The license plate is rendered difficult to read because of the truck bumpers, or truck lift or other permanent obstruction.
  - (b) 2. The license plate is subject to being bent, defaced, mutilated because of the commodity hauled or the use made of the truck.
  - (e) 3. The license plate is subject to being covered with dirt, chemicals, etc., because of vehicle design or use (i.e. dump trucks, trash or garbage trucks).
- (4) The license plate required of all other motor vehicles shall be placed on the rear of such vehicle as provided by said Act.

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